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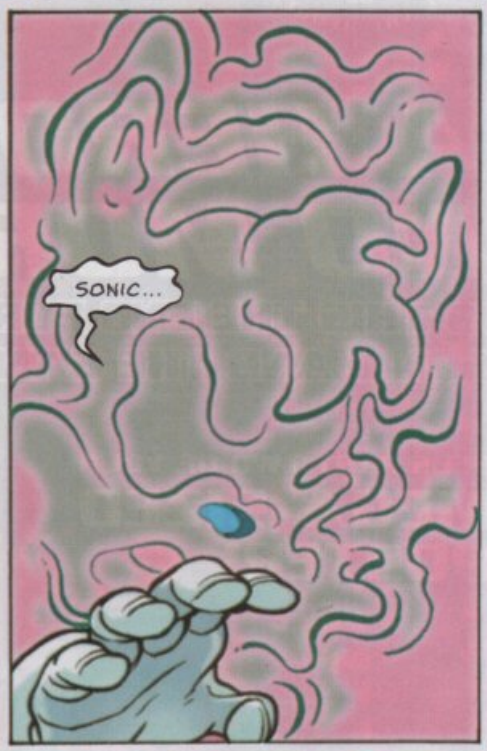

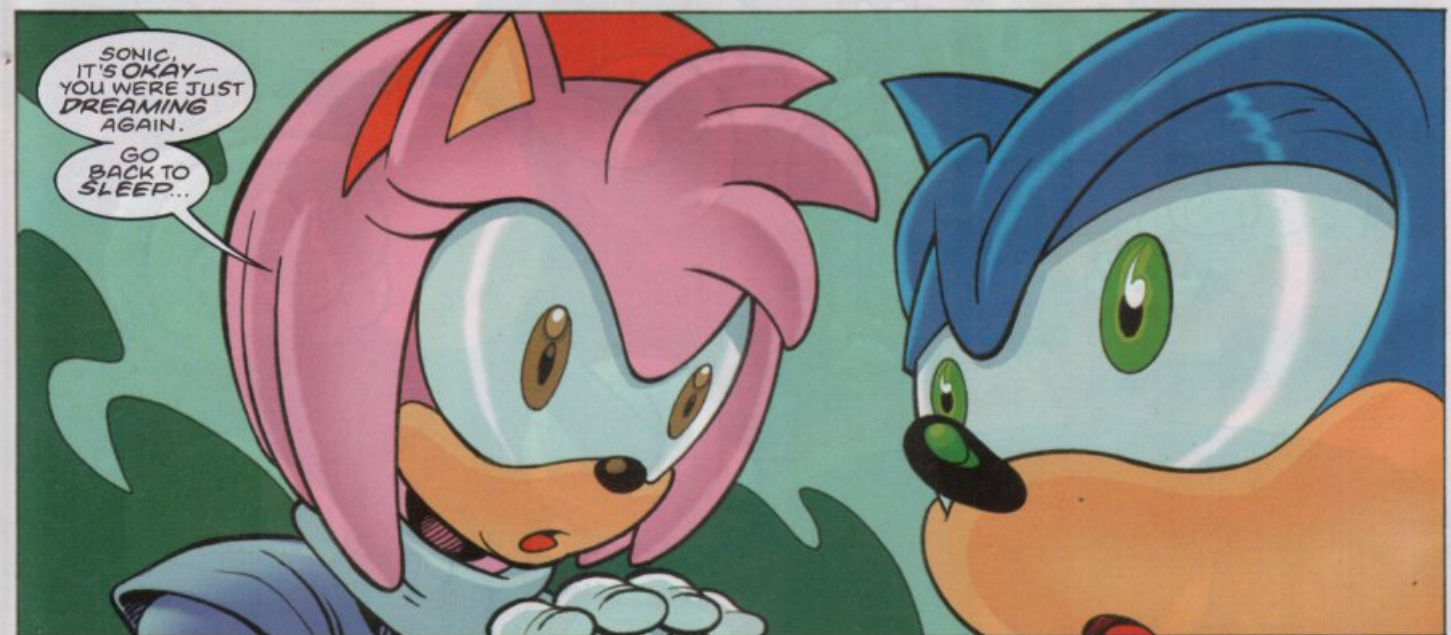

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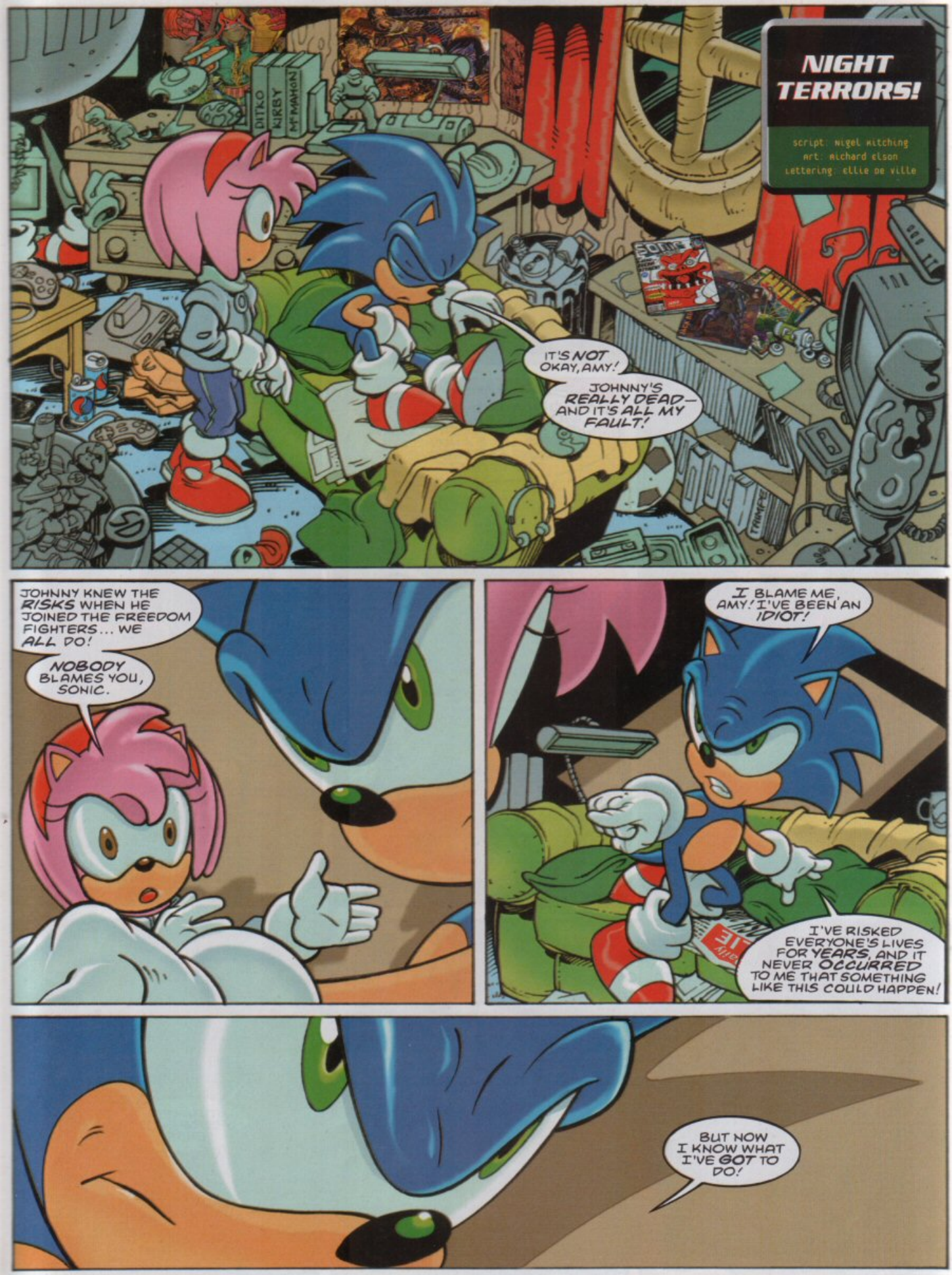
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DITKO
KIRBY
M'MAHON
IT'S NOT OKAY, AMY!
JOHNNY'S REALLY DEAD— AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
JOHNNY KNEW THE RISKS WHEN HE JOINED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS... WE ALL DO!
NOBODY BLAMES YOU, SONIC.
I BLAME ME, AMY! I'VE BEEN AN IDIOT!
I'VE RISKED EVERYONE'S LIVES FOR YEARS, AND IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN!
BUT NOW I KNOW WHAT I'VE GOT TO DO!

MEANWHILE, IN A MYSTERIOUS DARK DIMENSION...
YOU WERE RIGHT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
NOW THAT I'VE WIDENED THE SEARCH PARAMETERS, I'M DEFINITELY FINDING TRACES OF THE CHAOS CREATURE!
CHAOS IS ENERGY, GRIMER, AND ENERGY CANNOT BE DESTROYED!
HE HAS SIMPLY CHANGED HIS FORM!
ACCORDING TO THESE READINGS, HE'S SPREAD OVER ROUGHLY HALF A MILE AND HE'S 20,000 FEET ABOVE THE PLANET!
HE'S... HE'S HEADING STRAIGHT TOWARDS THE FLOATING ISLAND!
OF COURSE... OF COURSE!
IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE...

HIGH ABOVE PLANET MOBIUS ORBITS THE FLOATING ISLAND, BUILT BY THE LONG LOST ECHIDNA RACE...
NOW HOME TO KNUCKLES, GUARDIAN OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS.
AMY, PORKER'S BEEN ANALYSING THE READINGS HE TOOK FROM SONIC'S EYES.
THAT GREEN ENERGY IS DEFINITELY THE SAME AS THE CREATURE YOU ENCOUNTERED, AND--
HE'S GONE, KNUCKLES...
WHAT?
SONIC BLAMES HIMSELF FOR JOHNNY'S DEATH.
HE SAID HE SHOULD HAVE REALISED THAT SOMEONE CLOSE TO HIM WAS BOUND TO GET HURT, SOONER OR LATER...
NOW SONIC'S GONE... HE SAID HE'S NEVER COMING BACK!
KNUCKLES, WHAT'S GOING ON THERE? WHAT'S THAT WEIRD MIST-?
KNUCKLES...?
SIGNAL LOST

WHAT THE—?
INTRUDER!
I AM CHAOS!
I HAVE COME TO CLAIM WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE!

THE CHAOS EMERALDS... AT LAST!
WHAT... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? I'M TOO SCARED TO EVEN MOVE!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, KNUCKLES...
THIS CREATURE HAS SOME WEIRD POWER THAT CREATES FEAR!
IT'S AFTER THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
GOT TO... TRY... TO STOP IT!
THE ANCIENT EMERALDS BELONG TO ME... THEY ARE PART OF ME!
NOW I AM CLOSE TO THEM, MY MIND IS NO LONGER CONFUSED! MY THOUGHTS ARE CLEARING!
I MUST BE WHOLE AGAIN...
AND FOR THAT I NEED THE CHAOS EMERALDS!
NO!

THOSE EMERALDS ARE THE ONLY THING KEEPING THE FLOATING ISLAND IN THE SKY!
IF YOU TAKE THEM, WE'LL CRASH!
THEN YOU WILL BE THE NEXT TO DIE AT THE HANDS OF CHAOS...
YOU WILL NOT BE THE LAST!
HAHAHAA
HE'S ABSORBING THE CHAOS EMERALDS INTO HIMSELF!
I THINK WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE...
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE...
I HAVE A TERRIBLE FEELING SOMETHING AWFUL IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
TAILS! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!
WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE FLOATING ISLAND— FAST!

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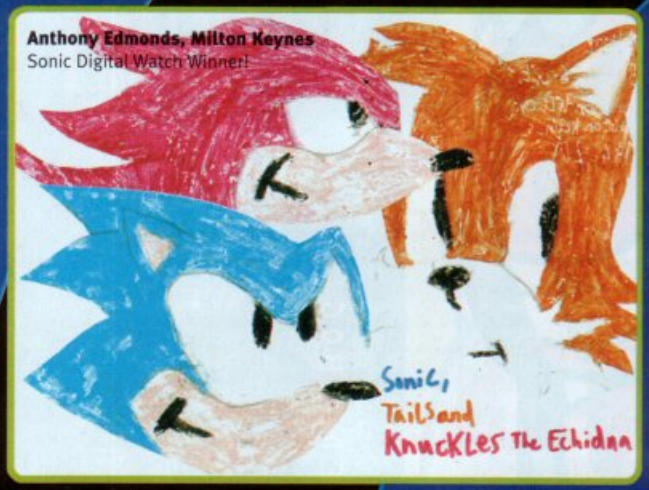

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